

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes

Wednesday
December 17, 2003
7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Neighborhood Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board Meeting was held at 7:00 P.M. at Evergreen Recreation club lounge room. In attendance were the District VI City Council Member, ten (10) District Advisory Board Members (1) youth DAB member, eight (8) city staff, and nine (9) citizens. Approximately 27 were in attendance.

Members Present

Council Member Sharon Fearey
Rosalie Bradley
Sandra Whittington
Maurine Willis
Bob Wine
Dick Rumsey
John Guthridge-alternate
Bickley Foster
Rob Johnson- alternate
Jaya Escobar
Rick Shellenbarger
Daniel Ramirez- youth
Bob Schreck

Member Absent

Paul Daemen
Annie Best

Guests

Listed at end

Staff

John Schlegel MAPD
Steve Lackey, Public Works
Neal Cable Public Works
Mike Carney, Water
Doug Kupper, Park
Chris Carrier, Public Works
Mike Green Public Works
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. and welcomed guests. DAB members were asked to introduce themselves and the area they represented.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes for approval

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted. **(Wine/Schreck 9-0)**

Public Agenda

Fred Lins, 3714 Athenian Ct. discussed his concerns with the concept of the Water walk. *Lins* felt the process was being pushed through too fast and asked about Tax increment financing. *Lins* stated he felt the waterwalk wouldn't work and would like to see this placed on the ballot for the November election. Taxpayers get upset when they see the Hyatt that was a City investment that is not working well. We don't have enough money in the city at this time; people are working at minimum wage. *Lins* asked why aren't bankers coming into this and he doesn't believe developers are putting much money into this. The news media has discussed this a lot. Other projects in Old Town are struggling. The City needs more public input and allow citizens to vote on these projects. This Bass Pro shop, you want coming here what incentives are we offering them? I'm opposed and so are my neighbors.

Council Member Fearey stated a workshop on Jan 27th would be discussing the Water walk and looking at it as a tax increment-financing district. **Fearey** commented on the Hyatt Hotel remodeling project is in good financial status. The remodeling is being done by money already

budgeted for the project. No taxpayer money is going into the Hyatt. **Fearey** finished with if anyone wanted facts on projects, people could call her and get more info.

1. **Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Review**

Steve Lackey, Public works Director gave an overview of the CIP program included in a PowerPoint presentation. Staff from the Water, Parks and Recreation, Storm sewer, Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) departments was also present to answer questions from members and public.

The following are questions/comments from Members on the CIP; *responses are in Italics*

- Are there any plans for I-35 & K96 project, I didn't see anything listed? *Lackey responded State highway funding funded this and it was not in their project funding. The design has been started but not finished.*
- Neighborhood Plans column, what is that for 2004? *We pay for intersection improvements, Parks= Brooks Landfill. Doug Kupper stated that while Brooks is still being used as a C&D Landsite for another 10-15 years we would wait on it becoming a park. We are saving money now as we use it for tree waste.*
- Lawrence Dumont, what is going to happen there? *This is for parking lot Rehabilitation.*
- Jabara Airport, you're thinking ahead on construction of hangers & runways allowing for possible future of more runways.
- Purchase more land North of Mid- Continent along Meridian- N 135 to the City Limits.
- What about Arterials? Is it an 80 % /20% funding? *It is really 60- 40; we get a set amount of money federal fund. It's called GOLST funding for General Obligation or Local sales tax. LST is dedicated for the freeway program. The City has control over these projects as long as its for rail corridors or freeways.*
- 29th street isn't completed so traffic can flow into Floodway Bridge.
- What are the current improvements for the bike path along the Ark River from 13th to Central? *The design will use around \$80,000 of State funds which have been ok'd. The consultant has been selected for the design project and it will be maybe around March to see any construction begin.*
- Neighbor plans for the 6th district along 21st Broadway/Arkansas, didn't see any plans in CIP for this project. *We have approved for a consultant for this project.*

At this point **Council Member Fearey** stated the CIP is redone every year. Neighborhood Plans, like the Delano plan was scheduled for a certain time but once the plan was adopted, the timeframe changed for getting the renovations done and the project was done sooner than expected. There has been some money programmed for 2004-5 for the 21st street project.

- Woodland Park north, what are you going to do with \$190,000? *Kupper responded a parking lot addition and playground equipment*
- Minisa Park at \$222,008 is this for pool improvement? *Possible Interactive water feature as in some other parks.* Member stated the City should talk to the school board and get a joint project going for the swimming pool project.
- Will there be any rehab to the Minisa building? In the last 3 years, we have painted and put in new flooring. We will evaluate the windows and the H/AC system. Replace table and chairs in near future.

- Road projects, are we dependent on state grants for them? *Road projects comes from federal funding and grants from state are for railroad projects*
- The Edgemoor and Woodlawn, Kellogg and Rock Road projects could be in jeopardy. What happens if these projects start and the state pulls the funding?
I don't think that would happen once a contract has been signed.
- Funding for Kellogg W/E Urban sprawl, at 119th street West and Greenwich roads, these area areas that are not very developed and yet are being budgeted? *Those monies are for opportunity Right-Of-Way. We save money this way once these are needed.*
- As long as we continue to expand, monies are going to water development instead of redeveloping the inside core.
- Divided Sewer District to north, any chance of other half possibly working to get to Earhart? *David Warren is talking to Earhart and the City is looking at USD 259 to assist in funding.*
- Northwest By-pass is developing fast is there any budget for purchasing land in that area? *Not at this time maybe for 2007. After the first of year the State of Kansas will hold a Public hearing.*
- Parks- Indoor Tennis facility where will this go? *Planned to go to South Riverside Park.*
- What about Grove Park? In 2009 for 1 item the cost will be \$300.000, we spent ¾ million at Grove this past year and close to \$1 million at Grove in last 2 years. Some things are put on back burner
- What are requirements on drainage during Platting, where in the ordinance is this stated? *When developer submits plan they have to bring in drainage plan. The design then has to follow drainage approved plan.* Does the County require the same way? *Yes.*
- What is Park & Village Square? *The Center City Development plan located near Pine & Topeka and Metro Midtown where the Wonder Bakery was.*
- Bike paths are not being utilized. We need better access for people to use a 4 or 5 car parking area. Make it people friendly.

Member Schreck thanked *Steve Lackey* for all the work he has done with the city.

Member Rumsey stated he was grateful for the opportunity to give direction from the DAB regarding the CIP.

Council Member Fearey commented on the drainage issue and increasing the ERU= 50 cents immediately, this would bring in more money but apartments and big businesses would not be happy. We could raise the Mill levy but no one wants to see that.

Jerry Prichard, North Indian Hills-Riverbend neighborhood stated increasing the ERU would not be curing the problem but dealing with it. Prichard wanted to know if we are looking at whose causing the problem. Developers are causing the problem.

Fearey stated this is a big issue. Member Wine stated the Cow skin Creek had a lot of Revenue Bond funding going to this. Other people get flooded and nothing is being done. Is there a special assessment for the Cow skin Creek area? **Fearey** responded the flooding is coming from County. We can't set up a special assessment district. Maybe increase small mill levy to solve drainage problems or small ERU increase. **Fearey** finished asking the DAB to contact staff or

send an email to her about this. On Tuesday December 23rd in the City council boardroom there will be a workshop to discuss the CIP before going to Council.

***** **Action Taken:** The Board provided comment as requested.

BOARD AGENDA

2. Problem Properties

- The smoke shop on Meridian has a 6 ft fence with vehicles behind it. Questioning if it's a possible junkyard.
- 21st & Broadway area, flatiron building needs inspected.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

3. Neighborhood Reports

There were no reports made.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and file

A letter of appreciation to Steve Lackey from DAB VI needs to be sent. Council Member and neighborhood assistant will work on this and return to DAB with a sample copy.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

GUESTS

Mac and Beverly Manning	2632 Porter
Jessi Viurquez	201 E. 21 st Wichita, KS. 67214
Ken Thomas	4725 Cobblestone
Rob Johnson	3736 Agnes
Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence 67203

Respectfully Submitted,

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